

SPECIAL WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING ~ MARCH 16, 2020

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The special work session City Council meeting of the City of Little Falls was called to order by Council President Hircock on March 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmembers Liljegren, Lundberg, Storlie, Hanson, Gosiak, Council President Hircock, and Mayor Zylka were present. Councilmember Knafla was absent. It was determined there was a quorum.

2. **PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

3. **BILLS DISCUSSION**

None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION**

None.

5. **COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS**

a. **Emergency Housing Legislation, Oasis Central Minnesota** – Executive Director of Oasis Central Minnesota Rose Surma, gave a presentation of the 2020 Emergency Housing Legislation under Senate File 2617 and Housing File 2357 which provides funding allocation to Oasis for operating costs of emergency shelter; and Senate File 3599 and House File 3358 that provides for the combination of cash and housing infrastructure allocated for emergency shelter capital purchase. Ms. Surma is requesting the City Council provide a letter of support for their legislative request. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

b. **Anderson Lake Stormwater** – Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman reviewed that the increase in rainfall over the last 20 years has increased the pressure on the storm sewer system; and that Anderson Lake does not have a natural outlet so that the water level has steadily increased. Additionally, only part of the drainage area is within the City with the balance in Little Falls Township. Following discussions, the City Council requested that Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman contact the residents outside of the City limits to see if they wish to annex into the City and report back his findings. No action taken.

c. **Live Streaming** – City Administrator Radermacher reviewed an option of live stream the work sessions in addition to the regular meetings under the and with the current Covid-19 health pandemic for the protection of the public, staff and City Council members. Following discussions, the City Council requested Mr. Radermacher check into this option of live streaming the work session and report back with a recommendation. No action taken.

d. **Automated Meter Reading System Updates/Upgrades** – Finance Officer Kasella reviewed that since the 2014 automated meter reading system was installed, no software or systems updates have been made; and that our system using Adobe Flash to communicate with our system. One of the problems is that Microsoft is phasing out Adobe Flash at the end of this year. It is for this reason, staff is proposing to update our software and collectors. This item is on the regular agenda for consideration.

e. **Other**

1. Councilmember Gosiak reported that he met with Kristina VonBerge, Little Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau, regarding rent for the Rosenmeier house. No action taken.

4. **CONSTITUENT COMPLAINTS**

a. Mayor Zylka reported that he received a complaint from a resident regarding the lack of visibility to exit his property on Third Street Southeast due to traffic. Public Works Director/Engineer Kimman to review this concern.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President Hircock adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Kasella